On Personal Opinions: Keep Them to Yourself

The trouble with personal opinions is that they're not nearly personal enough. "Personal opinions," says my aunt, the Contessa, "can cause a lot of trouble unless kept strictly to yourself."

A personal opinion is any thought on your part that differs or disagrees with the beliefs, sayings or actions of someone else; and the minute you open your mouth to pass it on it becomes

you can't afford to do the same.

To think and mentally compare with personal improvement in mind is commendable. But to give your disagreeable thoughts pub-lic airing does neither the object of your opinion nor you any

You American women are

noted all over the world for having personal opinions on just about everything. You spread them around like germs from a contagious disease, showing a sick mind.

When your beast opens his mouth to say something interesting you cut in with a personal opinion which runs on and on like the waters of a river.

When you travel abroad you have overly definite opinions of what you would do if you were running the country. In your own neighborhood you would run everyone else's home, raise everyone else's children differently.

Stay out of trouble by keeping

your mouth shut. Husbands say 'Amen" to this statement of mine. Many a family has had to move from a neighborhood because you voiced too loudly what you thought about something or somebody. Word fencing went to spite fencing: Nothing was gained but much was lost in self-respect and prestige.

Be very careful of that cliche trap called constructive criticism or opinion passing. When someone asks you what you think, get their viewpoint first. After all, if you really like someone you want them to be happy, and the true way to make them happy is to agree with them. This is no crime, merely intelligence at its

A positive rule to remember on giving personal opinions without getting into trouble is this: If they ask you for it and pay you for it, give it! Otherwise, think first, keep your mouth shut and then forget it.

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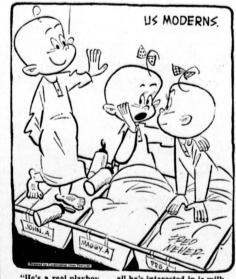


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